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4.	11.9.2000 Mr. P. Arivazhagan 19 (546)/2000-2001	Spasmalgon Tabs. B.No. 030599 purported to be mfd. by M/s Pharmachin Bulgaria	Mr. Chander Prakash Marwah, Person Incharge/ Tenant of Shri Prahlad Singh Godown No. 1256/1 Vill. & O.P.Nangal Dewat N. Delhi-37	Identification Negative for Metamizol	Prosecution launched on 26.6.2001

News-item "India has slipped in health: Report"

2317. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news- item captioned, "India has slipped in health: Report" which appeared in the Times of India, dated 14th July, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems of dismal report card of the country's health as highlighted in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Government are aware about the news item captioned "India has slipped in health: Report" published in the Delhi edition of the Times of India on 11th July, 2001. The news item has commented on the stagnation in decline of the infant mortality rate, decline in immunization coverage levels and prevalence of high rates of malnutrition among children.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infections, Oral Rehyderation Therapy (ORT) for management of diarrhoeal diseases; and essential newborn care services are provided to reduce infant mortality. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices, and prophylaxis against Vitamin-A and iron deficiency anemia are also being provided to improve the nutritional status of children.

In addition to the Immunization Strengthening Project, schemes have been launched in weaker districts to improve the access of the people to Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Services. These include RCH Outreach Scheme; RCH Camps; Dai Training Programme and the Border District Cluster Strategy Project.